

Water Transportation Advisory Board  
February 7, 2012 Meeting Minutes

The meeting of the Water Transportation Advisory Board was called to order at 2:01 pm on February 7, 2012, in the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Conference Center room C106 in Frankfort, KY.

The Advisory Board members in attendance were: Greg Pritchett, Ken Canter, Nickie Smith, Ed Riney, and Norb Whitlock. Also in attendance were:

Jeremy Edgeworth, KYTC

Chuck Knowles, KTC

Lynn Soporowski, KYTC

Rhiannon Ryan, Louisville District, USACE

Lori Kelsey, KIPDA

Russell Casey, CED

David Hamilton, KIA

Mark Locker, Ohio DOT

Ryan Halloran, Office of Attorney General

Stan Lampe, KBT

Susan Toutant, Louisville District, USACE

Jay Hunt, Eddyville Riverport

Gabriela Lyiers, Louisville District, USACE

Jerry Graves, KIA

The meeting was conducted by Greg Pritchett, Water Transportation Advisory Board Chair. The Chair asked for all those in attendance to introduce themselves. The Chair then opened up the floor for a public comment period. No public comments were offered.

The Chair then passed out the minutes of the September 15, 2011, meeting for review. Nickie Smith moved that the September 15, 2011, minutes are accepted as presented. Second by Ken Canter. 5 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 abstaining.

The chair then addressed new business. He asked Ryan Halloran with the Office of Attorney General to describe the services that the AG Office could provide to the Advisory Board. Ed Riney moved that the Board retain the Attorney General's Office as Legal Counsel to the Advisory Board. Second by Norb Whitlock. 5 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 abstaining.

The Chair then introduced Mark Locker with the Ohio Department of Transportation. Mr. Locker gave a presentation on ODOT's involvement with Maritime and Freight. A copy of the PowerPoint will be placed on the WTAB website. Mr. Locker also talked about his role with the US DOT Marine Transportation System National Advisory Council (MTSNAC).

Then chair then turned the floor over to Stan Lampe with Kentuckians for Better Transportation. Mr. Lampe gave a summary of the legislative session and provided updates on transportation related bills.

The chair then turned the floor over to Chuck Knowles with the Kentucky Transportation Center. Mr. Knowles provided an update on research projects related to the waterways being conducted by the Transportation Center.

The chair then asked Ken Canter to discuss an amendment to the bylaws containing an attendance policy. Mr. Halloran mentioned that with a governor appointed board, a member cannot be removed for non-attendance unless it is allowed by statute. Board members not attending meetings can be encouraged to attend, or they can be identified to the Governor and let him decide how to proceed.

The Chair then asked Lynn to provide an update on the status of the Eggers Ferry Bridge collapse. She also provided information about the 2012 New Madrid Incident Management Stakeholders Peer Exchange to be

held in Frankfort on October 22-25. She also gave information about the Sustainability Conference on March 27-28.

The dates for the next meeting were proposed. There will be a meeting held on Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 2pm in Frankfort. There will also be a meeting held on July 19, 2012 at 2pm in Frankfort.

The meeting was then adjourned by the Chair at 3:48pm.

Submitted:

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